

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-9. (Cancelled).

~~40~~ 11. (Currently Amended) A method of improving ~~print~~ gloss of a print of an ~~aqueous~~ flexographic ink composition comprising

adding to said ink prior to printing a styrene: acrylic copolymer and a plasticizer, wherein said ink composition is an aqueous flexographic ink, and wherein printing of said ink is carried out at at least 1200 fpm.

~~44~~ 12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~40~~ 11, wherein said styrene: acrylic copolymer is added in an amount equal to about 40 to 80 wt. % of the total weight of the composition.

~~42~~ 13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~44~~ 12, wherein said styrene: acrylic copolymer is added in an amount equal to about 50 to 70 wt % of the total weight of the composition.

~~43~~ 14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~40~~ 11 wherein said plasticizer is sorbitol.

~~44~~ 15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~40~~ 11, wherein said plasticizer is n-propyl lactate.

~~45~~ 16 (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~40~~ 11, wherein said plasticizer is added in an amount equal to about 3 to 20 % of the composition.

~~46~~ 17 (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~45~~ 16, wherein said plasticizer is added in an amount equal to about 8 to 12 wt % of the composition.

~~47~~ 18 (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~46~~ 17, wherein said plasticizer is added in an amount to about 10 wt % of the composition.

~~48~~ 19 (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~40~~ 11, wherein said improvement in print gloss is achieved when printing on a rough surface.

20. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein printing of said ink is carried out at about 1200 fpm.